

LEAVING A MARK:

STORIES OF THE UNSTOPPABLE JESUS



Mark 2:18-22

1. The Critical Accusation vs.18

- **Jesus and His disciples were not fasting while John's disciples and the Pharisees were.**
- **Fasting is abstaining from food to show sorrow and brokenness for sin, for suffering and for man's separation from God.**
- **Scripture only required the Jews to fast on one certain day a year but the Pharisees were fasting two certain days a week.**

2. The Corrective Answer vs. 19-20

- **Within the Jewish religious traditions there were times when fasting was not permitted.**
- **One of the times that fasting was not permitted was when there was a wedding celebration.**
- **The point Jesus is making is that the long awaited bridegroom has come to redeem His bride and to fast now is senseless.**

3. The Clarifying Analogies vs. 21-22

- **Jesus has not come to patch up our garments of guilt. He has come to give us His righteous garment alone.**
- **Jesus has not come to blend His blood with our best efforts. He has come to give us His redeeming grace alone.**

Jesus plus nothing equals everything!